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June 27, 1983

Region 10 Hearing Clerk
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
M/S 613
1200 Sixth Ave
Seattle, Washington

RE: Facility No. IDDO00800961

Dear Sirs;

My response to your Complaint and Compliance Order is as follows. I have never been an operator of the facility in question on Hwy 53 near Rathdrum, Idaho. The plant was operated by Arrcom Inc/ Drexler Enterprises, Inc. both wholly owned by George Drexler. I was an employee of Arrcom, Inc./Drexler Enterprises, Inc. and did not work at the facility but rather out of my office, apartment, in Spokane, Washington.

Tom Drexler was the plant manager and physically ran the facility. He made all decisions as to construction of tankage, fences, buildings, and etc. At one time land was cleared for a fence, but he chose not to do it. Also all manifests were processed by him, so I don't know the procedures involved.

To my knowledge Mr. Warren Bingham did not own any of the properties until he foreclosed on a loan note held by George Drexler, during November or December of 1981. Up until that time Mr. Bingham had absolutely nothing to do with Arrcom or the running of the plant.

Until Arrcom, Inc./George Drexler stopped meeting his payroll in December of 1981, every attempt was being made to correctly process the required paper work. I was in constant contact with Linda Dawson of the EPA to accomplish this. About this period of time all of the incomplete forms, letters and etc. were turned over to George Drexler and A. N. Foss of A. N. Foss Accountants of Tacoma. I understood they were in the process of negotiating a lease or buy-back for the Idaho plant and planned to reopen in the near future. When the paperwork package was given to them, I emphasized to them, the importance of contacting Linda Dawson and keep her apprised of the situation and what would be required.

Since I have not worked for Arrcom/ Drexler for 1 1/2 years, I have no authorization to do any thing in their behalf; however, I believe A. N. Foss has power of attorney. George Drexler did at one time indicate a desire to clean the facility, but since Bingham foreclosed no Arrcom personnel can enter the premises.

Sincerely,

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